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Subject: No industrial hogfarms please

To whom it may concern,

I am not in favor of industrial hogfarms anywhere near the Buffalo River Watershed. Though I understand the need to feed the masses and the jobs that may come with a hogfarm, I URGE you to remember that such industrial operations create a copious amount of waste and the ponds used to hold the waste are hard to maintain, hard to regulate, and can have devastating impacts on the local ecology (AND human health). Just the presence of waste ponds in this area is a big risk. Accidents, spills, dumping will happen no matter how many inspectors and eyes are on these pits and the other operations at and around the facility(s). It's too big a burden on our over-burdened state regulators who are trying very hard to do a good job in the face of politics and pressure.

Health of the people and the place they live (the natural environment) should be a top priority. If we want to feed people, we need to do it sustainably. Isn't that the most humane way to do it? How can we have the purpose of feeding people while we are putting their water at risk (among other risks we are putting on them)? These are questions that must be addressed. If the state wants to create industry, it must be sustainable industry that will not harm the surroundings and the people. Jobs are only good for so much. Jobs and environmental sustainability are so much better, and they are realistic, but we have to give them a chance or they will never happen. :)

Thank you for allowing the flow of information from one constituent to another. We are in this together, so let the compassionate among us help government leverage the tough decisions that need to be made. We need to shift our thinking and many are here to help that process along without it being too tough.

Bless.

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